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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT: 11-65, *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations.*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the National Black Farmers Association's (NBFA) 122,000 members across 42 states, we'd like to submit the attached statement to the FCC in support of the recently announced acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T.

For years, rural America has been falling behind because of its lack of broadband service. Each day, these communities fall farther and farther behind, losing out on employment and economic opportunities. AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile would be a game changer for these communities. It will bring access to millions of rural Americans, and will enable farm communities deliver their products faster, and more efficiently.

This acquisition would be a tremendous improvement for rural communities across the nation.

Therefore, we ask that you please include our comments in the proceeding.

Respectfully,

The National Black Farmers Association

CC:

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